

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Call to Order:** Chair Rob Cook, on January 19, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 102 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Rob Cook, Chair (R)  
Sen. Bob Keenan, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Nancy Ballance (R)  
Rep. Jon A. Knokey (R)  
Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)  
Rep. Marilyn Ryan (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Mary Caferro (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Scot Conrady, Legislative Branch  
Carolyn Tschida, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:** Hearing Public Testimony - Veteran Services, Aging Services and Adult Protective Services, Skilled Nursing, Home Based and Waiver Services

00:00:52 Chair Cook  
00:01:09 Marie Matthews, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

[EXHIBIT\(jhh14a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jhh14a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jhh14a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jhh14a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jhh14a05\)](#)

00:01:36 Chair Cook  
00:01:57 Marie Matthews, DPHHS  
00:06:03 Sen. Caferro joined the meeting  
00:07:20 Rep. Ballance  
00:08:19 Chair Cook  
00:08:33 Marie Matthews, DPHHS  
00:12:00 Chair Cook  
00:12:08 Marie Matthews, DPHHS  
00:16:27 Rep. Ballance  
00:16:41 Marie Matthews  
00:16:50 Chair Cook  
00:17:39 Marie Matthews  
00:18:19 Chair Cook  
00:18:56 Sen. Olszewski  
00:19:41 Marie Matthews  
00:20:04 Sen. Olszewski  
00:20:20 Marie Matthews  
00:20:50 Chair Cook

**Public Testimony Veteran Services**

00:21:35 Gary White, American Legion of Montana  
00:22:43 Rep. Knokey  
00:23:10 Gary White, American Legion of Montana

**Public Testimony Aging Services and Adult Protective Services**

00:24:10 Erin McGowan, Montana Association of Area Agencies on Aging  
00:29:40 Susan Kohler, Montana Association of Area Agencies on Aging

[EXHIBIT\(jhh14a06\)](#)

00:38:25 Lynn Mallowney Cabrera, Alzheimers Association  
00:44:03 Dr. Richard Blank, Self  
00:48:30 Jerilee Wilkerson, Agency on Aging  
00:53:13 Bea Ann Melichar, Adult Resource Alliance of Yellowstone County

[EXHIBIT\(jhh14a07\)](#)

00:57:55 Richard Klose Sr, Laurel Senior Citizen Center and Adult Resource Alliance of Yellowstone County

[EXHIBIT\(jhh14a08\)](#)

00:59:41 Jackie Boyle, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)

[EXHIBIT\(jhh14a09\)](#)

01:02:03 David Trost, St. Johns Lutheran Ministries  
01:04:04 Cindy Nelson, Self

01:06:23 Recess  
01:15:38 Reconvene

**Public Testimony Skilled Nursing**

01:16:11 Rose Hughes, Montana Health Care Association  
**EXHIBIT(jhh14a10)**

01:25:29 Rep. Knokey  
01:26:20 Rose Hughes, Montana Health Care Association  
01:26:51 Chair Cook  
01:27:11 Rep. Ballance  
01:27:31 Chair Cook  
01:27:40 Brandy Hitchcock, Glacier Care Center  
01:31:44 Karen Jones, Lakeview Health Care  
01:32:56 Kelly Bilau, Brennan House  
01:40:52 Betty Haas, Heritage Place Health Care Community  
01:45:10 Tammy Sciarretta, Lakeview Health Care  
01:46:23 Danielle Huck, Laurel Health and Rehab  
01:47:31 Destany Benboe, Laurel Health and Rehab  
01:49:06 Jace McMaster Bridger Health Care Community  
01:51:31 Joshua Wirtz, Mountain View Care Cent  
01:58:24 Elissa Nichols, Big Sky Health Care  
01:59:27 Mary Ann Skinner, Mountain View Care Center  
02:04:44 Kristen Bock, Big Sky Care Center  
02:06:17 Gary Spaeth, Self  
02:11:12 Lisa Helms, Welcov Health Care Facilities  
02:13:22 Krissa Kipp, Big Sky Health Care Community  
02:15:11 Amy Beales, Benefis

**EXHIBIT(jhh14a11)**

02:19:08 Chair Cook  
02:19:41 Peter Gray, Benefis Senior Care  
02:20:19 David Trost, St. Johns Lutheran Ministries  
02:25:56 Casey Blumenthal, Montana Hospital Association

**EXHIBIT(jhh14a12)**

02:28:02 Brent Smith, Heritage Place Health Care  
02:29:24 Theresa Pelican, Lakeview Health Care  
02:30:20 Dee Strauss, Kindred Parkplace  
02:31:26 Tina Smith, Lakeview Health Care  
02:32:47 Jessie Solberg, Glacier Care Center  
02:34:20 Kristy Rowell, Glacier Care Center  
02:34:59 Patrick McNabb, Glacier Care Center  
02:38:32 Joan McKay, Glacier Care Center  
02:40:47 Brian Huso, Laurel Health and Rehab  
02:42:24 Chair Cook

02:42:43 Recess  
02:50:19 Reconvene

**Public Testimony Home Based and Waiver Services**

02:51:55 Sheila James, Self  
02:53:45 Shyla Petera, North Central Community Services  
03:00:03 Alyson Ball, Self  
03:01:32 Bonnie Kelly, Self  
03:04:12 Michell McCabe, Self  
03:06:39 Michelle Williamson, Self  
03:09:31 Kelly Thompson, Home Care Services and Child Development Center  
03:11:53 Darren Larson, Self  
03:15:11 Tom Thompson, Self  
03:16:39 Mark Sanders, Self  
03:17:51 R.S. Smith, Self  
03:21:23 Sherri Bandy, Self  
03:23:37 Shelley Dowdle, Self  
03:28:58 Lori Swanson, Self  
03:30:25 Roxanne Klose, Easter Seals Goodwill  
03:34:06 Travis Hoffman, Self and Summit Independent Living

**EXHIBIT(jhh14a13)**

03:41:28 Tonya McCullough, Self  
03:43:28 Alana Raymond, for Mike Mayer of Summitt Independent Living  
03:47:25 Fran Viereck, Self  
03:51:14 Diana Helgeson, Churchill Retirement Home and Assisted Living  
03:53:38 Ann Geiger, Liberty Place Incorporated

**EXHIBIT(jhh14a14)**

03:55:50 George Northcutt, Self  
03:57:31 Jacquie Helt, Health Care Union  
04:00:39 Chayce Muchmore, Opportunity Resources  
04:02:49 Michael Coe, Pines of Polson Assisted Living  
04:04:02 Lynn Mallowney Cabrera, Alzheimers Association  
04:05:46 Andrea Rankin, Self  
04:09:31 Amanda Scott, Home Care Benefis Spectrum  
04:10:43 Jackie Boyle, AARP  
04:12:09 Sheila Thompson, Opportunity Resources  
04:14:23 Jenessa Hendon, Nightingale Nursing

**EXHIBIT(jhh14a15)**

04:18:18 Clifford Mosley, Nightingale Nursing  
04:20:27 Monique Casbeer, Self  
04:23:12 Bella Hasselback, Self  
04:24:34 Kelly Lynch, Self

**EXHIBIT(jhh14a16)**

04:25:02 Renee Keeney, Edgewood Assisted Living  
04:26:04 Cindy Peterson, Self  
04:27:49 Laurie Miller, ResCare Home Care

**EXHIBIT(jhh14a17)**

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04:29:19 Robin Homan, Homan Services Benefit Spectrum

04:34:28 Chair Cook

[EXHIBIT](#)(jhh14a18)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 04:34:59

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Carolyn Tschida, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([jhh14aad.pdf](#))**